

Early Childhood Connections: Child Care *Introduction to Project Approach - Building a Foundation*

Professional Development Opportunity

Child Care Providers Fact Sheet: 2017

Kohl Children's Museum is seeking home and center based child care providers to learn about and implement the Project Approach in their programs utilizing Kohl Children's Museum as a resource and learning laboratory. The project includes professional development; interactive learning experiences for the children both in the home/center and at Kohl Children's Museum; an on-site parent/child activity; a family event; and family passes to the museum. Programming content connects to ExceleRate Illinois Quality Standards by addressing Illinois Early Learning and Development Standards, environments, developmentally appropriate practices, documentation, and family involvement. Participants will receive 17 Gateways contact hours for complete participation in the program.

Focus

To expand the use of the Project Approach into home and center based childcare programs through professional development and field trip opportunities.

Audience

Family and Center based childcare providers serving children receiving Illinois DHS Child Care Assistance that are in the process of participating in the ExceleRate Illinois system.

Application Procedures

Applications must be submitted to Amelia Troutman at the Kohl Children's Museum by **July 28th, 2017**:

2100 Patriot Boulevard, Glenview, Illinois 60026.

Email: atrouman@kcmgc.org

Fax: (847) 724-6469

Activities

1. **Participate in Three Professional Development Workshops (Saturdays).** Participating providers must attend all three workshops **October 14th, December 2nd and March 10th OR October 21st, December 9th, and March 17th** (8:30-3:30) - A \$100 stipend and 17 Gateways Contact Hours will be provided at the end of the project. Training dates will be assigned at a later date.

2. **Participate in Evaluation and Assessment:** Museum Project Staff will **observe** participant's home/center prior to the project and after the projects' completion. In addition, participants will be required to complete project descriptions, staff development evaluations, and pre and post project attitude surveys.
3. **Plan, design, conduct and document** a child-centered project between October 2017 through March 2018. Additional support for conducting a project in the classroom will be provided by Museum education staff, including visits to the classroom if necessary.
4. **Select and purchase project materials.** Each provider will receive \$250 worth of materials to support their projects. Materials are ordered through Kohl Children's Museum and must support project work done in the classroom.
5. **Schedule and attend one Focused Field Trip** to Kohl Children's Museum or at the home/center (October 2017 – February 2018). All field trip and bus fees will be paid for through the project.
6. **Schedule, coordinate, and conduct one Parent/Child Activity** (Activity kit provided by the museum)
7. **Schedule and participate in one Project Celebration (Weekend) at Kohl Children's Museum** (April 7, April 14, or April 28, 2018) Bus fees, if needed, will be paid for by the museum. (Providers are required to schedule the buses and to bring their project documentation to display at the Museum).
8. **Distribute Kohl Children's Museum Passes** to families of children involved in the project.

Funding Overview

Project Pays For...
Field Trip Fees
Bus Fees
Parent/Child on-site Art Activity Kits
Stipend to providers for Professional Development (\$100)
Classroom Materials (\$250)
Family Celebration Facility Fees
Refreshments and Bus Fees
Museum Family Passes

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Please mark one: Center-Based Provider Home Daycare Provider

Applicant's Name: _____

Name of teacher(s) or assistant(s) in your classroom: *(if they are also applying)*

Applicant's Email: *(communication is mainly through email)*

Site Name: _____

Site Address: _____ **City:** _____

Zip code: _____ **County:** _____

Site Phone Number: _____ **Fax:** _____

Center Director Name: *(if applicable)* _____

Home Mailing Address: _____ **City:** _____

Zip code: _____ **Home/Cell Phone Number:** _____

Classroom children's age level: 12 months - 2 years 3-5 years 6-8 years

Number of children in your care: ____ (a.m.) ____ (p.m.) OR ____ (full day)

Number of children in DHS Child Care Assistance Program: _____

(must be 40% or more to be eligible)

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Explain why you and your students should be selected for participation:

(A minimum of three sentences is required. Please use a separate sheet of paper to expand if needed.)

I should be selected for this grant program because....

Have you attended the QRS or ExceleRate orientation?

Please mark one yes no

Is your center/home currently enrolled in Illinois Quality Counts-Quality Rating System (QRS) or ExceleRate Illinois?

Please mark one yes no

If yes, What Quality Circle are you currently in? _____

For more information visit <http://www.exceleRateillinoisproviders.com/>

Please list the instructional language(s) spoken with the children:

How did you hear about early childhood connections?

Are you involved in any other initiatives or grants? *Please list*

Do you belong to a child care association? yes no

If yes, what is the name of the association? _____

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9. Kohl Children's Museum has my permission to use my testimonials in reports and marketing materials.

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Are you committed to participate in the activities mentioned? yes no

Childcare Provider's Signature

Date

Approved: Director's Signature
(If applicable)

Date

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